

REMARKS

Claims 9-13, 28, 29, and 30-32 are pending. Claims 9-13, 28, and 29 are allowed. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Allowable Claims 9-13, 28, and 29

Applicants thank Examiner George for the indication of allowance of claims 9-13, 28, and 29. However, for the reasons set forth hereafter, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are directed to allowable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), Claims 30-32

Claims 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lin et al. (US Publication No. 2002/0058409).

Pursuant to the declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 signed by the inventors of the application (attached hereto as Appendix), U.S. Publication Application No. 2002/0058409 to Lin is not a prior art reference with respect to the present application. Therefore, the rejection to claims 30-32 are not supported by the Lin reference and should be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

An early formal notice of allowance of claims 9-13, 28, 29, and 30-32 is respectfully requested.

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